

REMARKS

The office action of April 28, 2005 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1 and 3-16 remain in this case, claims 17-26 being cancelled by this response. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 17-26 in one or more divisional applications.

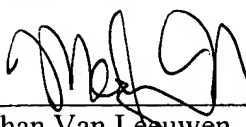
The Applicant would like to point out that a supplementary Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 18, 2005 (prior to the mailing of the present office action) and respectfully requests that the Examiner review the references in the IDS prior to issuing a notice of allowance for this case.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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